
St. Mary

of the people parish



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 P.M.
Sunday 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M.

DAILY MASSES

Tuesday to Saturday 8:30 A.M.

ROSARY

Daily recitation following morning Mass at approx 9:00 A.M.

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION

Fridays 9:15 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.

ALL DAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of Each Month concluding with 7 P.M. Mass.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Tuesday - Saturday following morning Mass

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

Wednesday during morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:30 - 4:45 P.M. or by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Contact the office for information

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Notice must be received one year in advance.
Couples must attend a marriage preparation course.

PASTOR

Fr. David Bollo - Pastor

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

SCHOOLS

St. Christopher's (905) 725-7672

Paul Dwyer Catholic High (905) 723-5255

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

Catholic Womens League (905) 728-2212

Knights of Columbus (905) 728-2212

St. Vincent de Paul (905) 213-3860

Natural Family Planning (Rose) (905) 683-9055

Catholic Cemeteries (Resurrection) (905) 668-8912

BULLETIN

Copy must be in to office no later than Monday 4:00 P.M.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Please register using forms at back of Church or at Office.

Mass for the Intentions Week

Sat Jan 6	5:00	Albin Francelj req Ivanka
Sun Jan 7	9:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	11:00	Multiple Intention Mass Jackie Gurr William F Featherstone Vito Grazio Deligio Giuseppe & Angela Scanga Vincenzo & Luciana Bianco
Tues Jan 9	8:30	Rita Ladouceur req Mike & Judy Drake
Wed Jan 10	8:30	Bruno Bertolo req Linda
Thur Jan 11	8:30	Multiple Intention Mass Dan Breen Souls in Purgatory Int Dulce Yaeger
Fri Jan 12	8:30	Paddy Hughes req Anne, Deirdre, Kevin, Paul & Families
Sat Jan 13	8:30	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish
	5:00	Maria Dellapa req Giusto Family
Sun Jan 14	9:00	Multiple Intention Mass Jackie Gurr William Hickey Eugenio & Maddalena DeCarlo Antonio & Elvira Ciardullo Vito Mario & Caterina Deligio Deceased Burns Family Members Deceased Hickey Family Members
	11:00	All Parishioners of St Mary of the People Parish

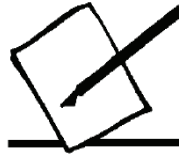
PASTORAL REFERENCE: We are regularly asked to provide a *Pastoral Reference* to accompany an application for a position of employment with one of our Roman Catholic Separate School Boards. We are very anxious to assist individuals who are practicing their faith regularly and actively involved in our parish to have an opportunity to contribute to the Catholic environment of our Separate School system. It is not enough to have been baptized in this parish or to have attended one of our local separate schools. If you foresee the eventual need for a *Pastoral Reference*, this is yet another good reason to be actively involved in your parish.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: Parishioners who were not using Offertory Envelopes in 2023 and who would like to use them in 2024 are asked to contact our parish office, so we can prepare a box for you. We can only provide an income tax receipt for identifiable donations. Your financial support is very important to the successful operation of our parish.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES ROOM

SAINT JOSEPH SUNDAY MISSALS 2024
NOW AVAILABLE

The Religious Articles Room is open after Saturday Evening and Sunday Morning Masses



From the Pastor's Desk

TODAY'S GOSPEL: The Magi were seekers. They observed a sign and desired to understand what it meant. They displaced themselves, seeking something bigger than what they already knew. The Magi exemplified the poor in spirit, people open and inquisitive enough to discover a God bigger than their imagination — a God who would delight in their seeking and finding. Today's feast is called the Epiphany. "Epiphany" refers to a manifestation of God or an insight into the deep meaning of something. An epiphany is a happening, not an activity or decision. We may journey like the Magi seeking something, but epiphany is beyond our control. Epiphany happens to people willing to have their minds changed. Epiphany is an experience of grace. For those who will receive it, it is an experience of "God with us" until the end of the age.

"SEEKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD ABOVE AND BEYOND ALL OTHER THINGS": Archbishop Francis Leo has released a Pastoral Letter to the Church of God in the Archdiocese of Toronto. This specific reflection from our spiritual shepherd is intended to offer a theological, spiritual, and pastoral meditation as we embark upon a New Year and our collective efforts to build and strengthen the Kingdom of God throughout our Archdiocese. The Pastoral Letter can be accessed by visiting the archdiocesan website at: www.archtoronto.org.

SERRA CLUB MASS: The members of the Durham Serra Club invite you to join them for Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 11th (and each 2nd Thursday of the month) in St. Mary of the People Church. Our monthly meeting follows in the parish hall. New members are always welcome.

THANK YOU: Our parish would like to express its gratitude to our **Catholic Women's League** council which presented a generous donation of **\$2,000.00** to the parish at their December 12th meeting.

IN APPRECIATION: The parish would like to express our appreciation to all the ladies who work in our **Religious Articles Kiosk**. The ladies' efforts have resulted in a gift of **\$1,000.00** to our parish. We thank all of you for your generous offering of your time and talent. Parishioners: need that *special gift* for an upcoming religious occasion? Why not stop in at the Religious Articles Room. We can take special orders.

PLANNING A BAPTISM? If you or someone you know are planning to have an infant baptized in our church in February, March or April of 2024, please contact the church office and inquire about our next Baptismal Preparation Session. We ask that couples be **registered** with the parish and that Catholic parent(s) be in **regular attendance** at Sunday Mass.

VOCATIONS: The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the Magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through his Church. If you think that God may be calling you to be a priest, religious or permanent deacon, call **Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.**
www.vocationstoronto.ca.

STEWARDSHIP: As stewards, we should strive to be like that great star that did not draw the Magi to itself but instead pointed to Christ. We should try our best to remain humble and direct any praise to Christ, who always sustains us in our good works.



GENERAL MEETING: Tuesday January 16. Mass at 7:00 P.M.
Meeting to follow in the Parish Hall.

VALENTINE'S DINNER & DANCE:



Saturday February 17

Cocktails at 6:00PM and dinner at 7:00PM.

More information to follow

CHARITABLE DONATIONS: St Mary's Knights of Columbus Council 8611 approved the following donations from our Bingo account to the following Charities:

St. Vincent de Paul Society	\$ 5000.00
St. Mary of the People Church	\$ 2000.00
Catholic Family Services Durham	\$ 2000.00
Durham Outlook for the Needy	\$ 2000.00
YWCA	\$ 2000.00
Sunrise Youth	\$ 1000.00
Rose of Durham	\$ 1000.00
Special Olympics	\$ 1000.00
Coats For Kids Charity	\$ 1380.00
	\$17380.00

WEBSITE: Please check out our website: <https://kofc8611.org>

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL: St. Paul tells us that if our faith is so strong that we could move mountains but do not have charity, we have nothing. We know that charity is the only way we love God through Jesus Christ by loving our neighbor. The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul offers us a way to express our love for neighbor by supporting their mission to serve those in need.

Your support through **poor box** donations at the front entrance of the church is a way to do this. Gifts of \$10.00 or more will be receipted for income tax purposes. Place your donation in an envelope marked **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**. Remember to include your **full name and address** so a receipt can be prepared and sent to you at year-end.

The Poor Box offers us an opportunity to love Jesus Christ by helping those in need!

If you discern a desire to engage directly with our neighbors in need by joining the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul call or text Vince at 289-943-5881 and leave a message for more information.



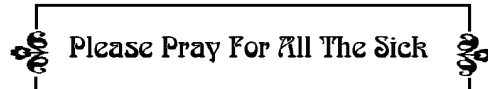
2024 MEMBERSHIPS: dues \$40.00 – Members wishing to use the pink envelopes found in the Sunday offering box, **please disregard the amount printed on the envelope and enclose \$40.00** (cash or cheque) and drop it in the collection basket. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Joey at 905-576-3386 or 905-439-9047 (cell).

THE ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

PRAYER SERVICE: January 18-25 marks the annual celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's theme is: "*You shall Love the Lord Your God...and Your Neighbour as Yourself.*"

You are invited to join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for restoration of the full unity willed by Christ for the Church, on Sunday, January 21st at 4:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Cathedral, Markham. Please see poster on bulletin board.

CHOIR: The choir is looking for new members, both men and women, to join our choir. No knowledge of music is necessary, just the joy of singing. We meet every Wednesday night at 7:15pm till 9pm. We enter by the south door near the entrance to the church office. **We will resume practicing January 10th**



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